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1. The Hq of the Rumanian 2d Inf Div, arrived in CRAIOVA (R 33/34/A 83) on 23 September 1949.
2. Rumanian infantry troops moved into the "Rovine" Barracks on Vasile Alexandri Street, southeast of the main railroad station.
3. One motor transport training battalion from TIMISOARA (R 16/T 91) with many officers arrived in CRAIOVA.
4. Rumanian infantry and artillery troops arrived in CARACAL (R 33/34/B 21). Others were expected to arrive in SLATINA (R 33/34/B 24).

 Comment:

a. According to previous, but unsubstantiated information, component units of the 2d Inf Div were transferred to the Banate in the late summer of 1948. However, since the Hq of the 2d Inf Div was identified in CRAIOVA in January and April 1949*, it was assumed that the Hq of the 2d Inf Div either remained in CRAIOVA or only temporarily moved to the Banate. The return to CRAIOVA of the Hq of the 2d Inf Div may be interpreted that the division returned to CRAIOVA after completion of maneuvers.

b. No Rumanian troops were previously observed in CARACAL and SLATINA.

c. The report gives the impression that Rumanian troops were shifted to areas which had previously been occupied by Soviet troops. This information gains in importance in connection with the transfer of Soviet troops from Little Wallachia to the Banate. However, since Soviet rear details were reportedly still located in CRAIOVA in September 1949, it appears doubtful that the Soviets should have evacuated all Little Wallachia.

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